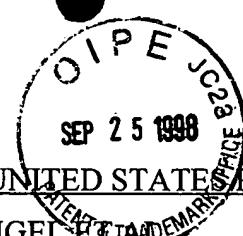


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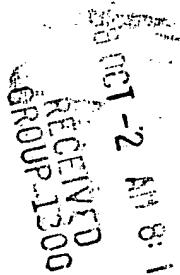
Dear Sir:

I, Thomas G. Miller, do hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is Tom Miller. I am an employee of Donaldson Company, Inc., the assignee of this patent application. I have been employed by Donaldson for over 22 years. My current title is Air Product Manager.

2. Attached as Exhibit A are photographs of an air filter safety element manufactured by Donaldson. The air filter safety element in the photograph publicly existed prior to November 23, 1994.

3. Referring now to the photographs of Exhibit A, on page 1 is a perspective view and a side elevation view of the safety filter element. On page 2 is a top plan view and a bottom plan view of the safety filter element. On page 3 is a partial, top perspective view showing the open end cap of the safety filter element.

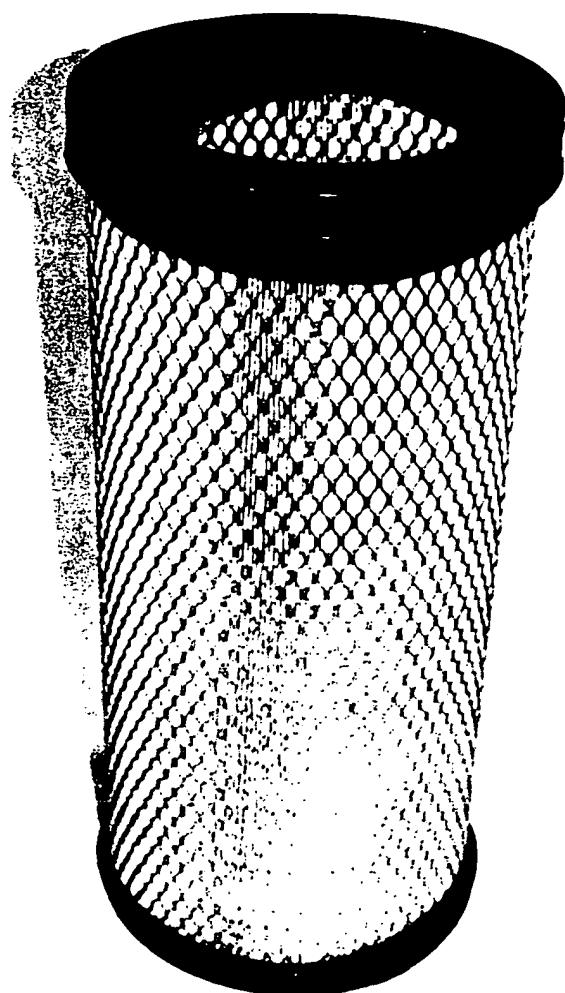
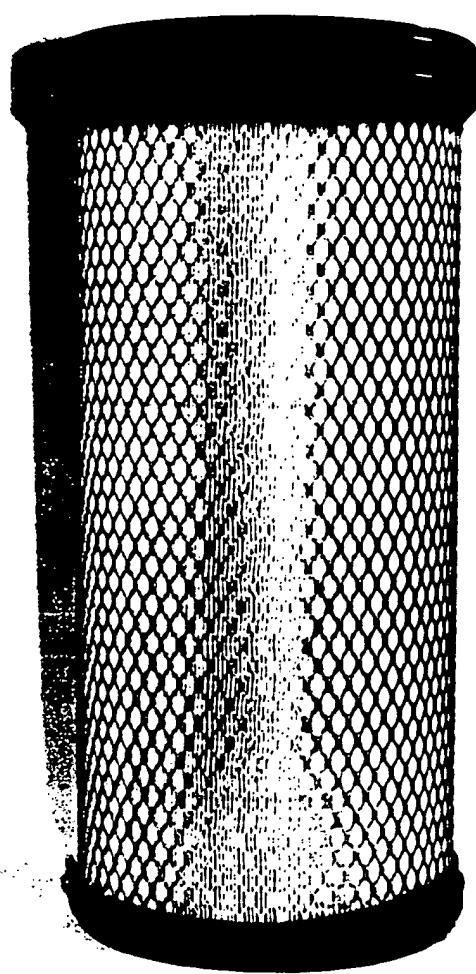


4. The open end cap of the safety filter element has an outer, radial seal constructed of foam polyurethane. The safety filter element fits within a cylindrical tube, and the end cap material compresses between the outer liner and the tube to form a radial seal therebetween.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Codes, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

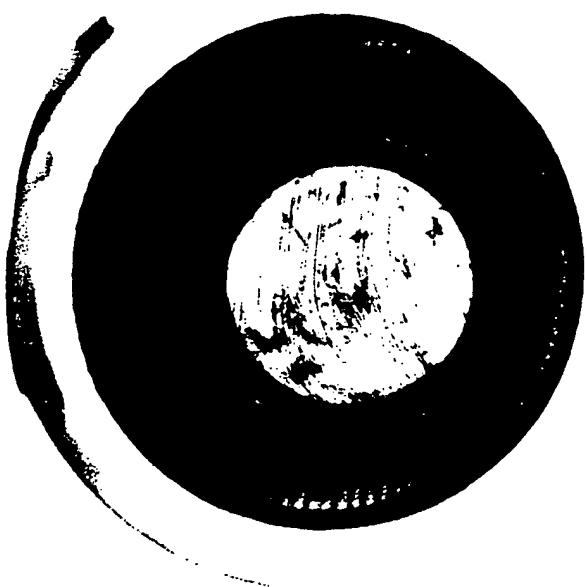
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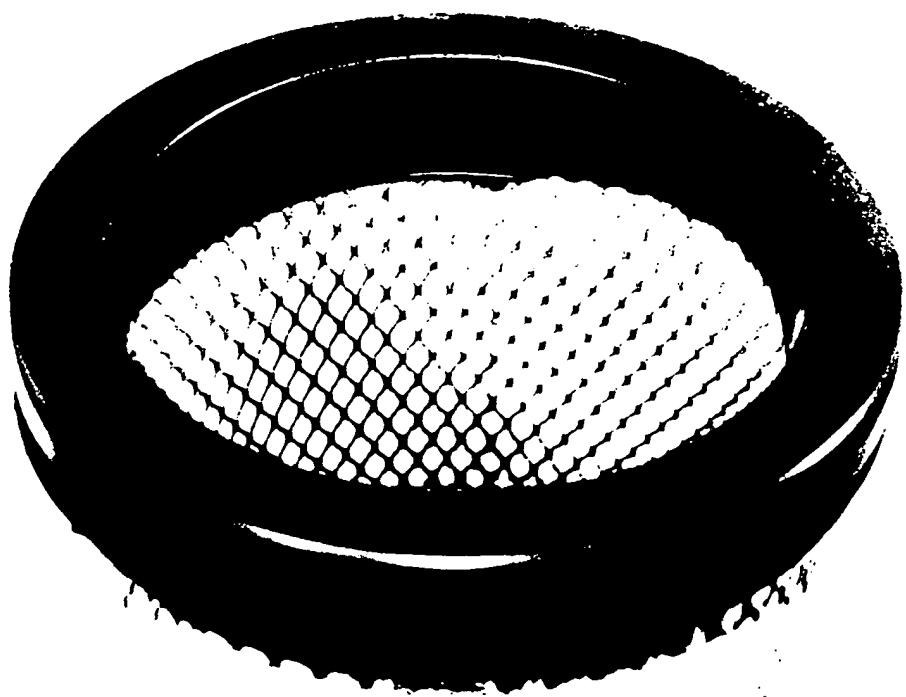


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